



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** tourism in Louisiana is a \$9.4 billion industry that sustains over 120,000 jobs statewide; and

**WHEREAS,** travel-generated employment in Louisiana has an annual combined payroll of \$2 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** more than \$392 million in state tax revenue is generated by our tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana visitor spending contributes more than \$216 million in local tax revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2006, as

### LOUISIANA TOURISM AWARENESS DAY

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 18th day of May  
A.D., 2006*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana